Bears Face Mariners in Northern Lights Conference Tourny

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The pairings are out for Alaska High School's version of March Madness. The Northern Lights Basketball Tournament starts on Thursday in Wasilla. The Lady Bears are the No. 2 seed from the North Division - despite being the furthest south team - and will face the South's No. 3 team, the Homer Mariners, a team Kodiak dominated this season. The Lady Bears open play at 8 a.m. Thursday.

Round two will most likely see Kodiak taking on the South's No. 1 team, the Soldotna Stars, who have a first round match up against the North's No. 4, the Palmer Moose. North No. 1 seed Wasilla plays Skyview and Colony will play Kenai in the other two first round games.

The championship game will be Saturday at 6 p.m.

In the boys' bracket, Kodiak is the No. 3 seed, which means they'll face the South's No. 2, Homer, and are in the same side of the bracket as North No. 1 Wasilla. Kodiak's first game is at 9:45 Thursday morning.

Colony versus Soldotna, and Palmer versus Kenai round out the first round.

The boys' championship game will be at 8 p.m. Saturday.

All the games from Wasilla will be streamed live on the web.

The state championships will be next week in Anchorage.